

CLAIMS

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- 5 1. A tailgate controlled light system, comprising:
a light unit positionable within a pickup box;
a control switch electrically connected to said light unit and engageable by a
tailgate for opening said control switch; and
an override switch electrically connected to said control switch.
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2. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said override switch
is electrically connectable to a power source.
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3. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said light unit is
positionable beneath a bedrail of a pickup box.
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4. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said control switch
is comprised of a depress switch and wherein said control switch is positionable to be
engaged by a tailgate when a tailgate is closed within a pickup box.
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5. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said override switch
allows for a user to terminate power to said light unit regardless of a position of a
tailgate.

6. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said override switch is positionable within a sidewall of said pickup box.

5 7. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said power source is comprised of a pickup power supply.

8. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said power source is
10 comprised of a portable power supply.

9. A tailgate controlled light system, comprising:
a light unit attached within a pickup box;
15 a control switch electrically connected to said light unit and engageable by a tailgate for opening said control switch; and
an override switch electrically connected to said control switch.

20 10. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said override switch is electrically connectable to a power source.

11. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said light unit is
25 positioned beneath a bedrail of a pickup box.

12. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said control switch is comprised of a depress switch and wherein said control switch is positioned to be engaged by a tailgate when a tailgate is closed within a pickup box.

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13. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said override switch allows for a user to terminate power to said light unit regardless of a position of a tailgate.

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14. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said override switch is positioned within a sidewall of said pickup box.

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15. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said power source is comprised of a pickup power supply.

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16. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 9, wherein said power source is comprised of a portable power supply.

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